

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 24, 2010
POSITION: Oppose
SPONSOR: County Welfare Directors Association of California; Insight Center for Community Economic Development; Western Center on Law and Poverty; Women's Foundation of California

BILL NUMBER: SB 1084
AUTHOR: C. Liu

BILL SUMMARY: State Economic Security Task Force

This bill would: (1) create the California Economic Security Act of 2010 and make several legislative findings and declarations, (2) establish, within the state's executive branch, the California Economic Security Task Force (CESTF), which would be composed of representatives from the Legislature and various stakeholder groups who shall serve without compensation, (3) require the CESTF to hold its first meeting before July 1, 2011, and upon a determination by the Department of Finance (Finance) that private donations in an amount sufficient to fully support CESTF activities have been deposited with the state, with at least quarterly meetings to follow, (4) require the CESTF to submit to the Governor and Legislature an interim report on or before April 1, 2012, and a final report on or before April 1, 2013, containing specified information and recommendations, and (5) stipulate that its provisions shall remain in effect until July 1, 2013, and as of that date is repealed.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would require the CESTF to convene only upon a determination by Finance that private donations in an amount sufficient to fully support the activities of the task force have been deposited with the state. Therefore, to the extent the various CESTF appointees and representatives incur costs associated with this bill prior to a positive determination of the availability of private donations by Finance, such costs would not be reimbursable by the state.

This bill would impose additional but likely minor workload on Finance to determine that sufficient private donations have been deposited with the state to fully support CESTF activities. Any associated costs likely would be absorbable within existing resources.

COMMENTS

Finance is opposed to this bill for the following reasons:

- This bill is unnecessary. The intent of this bill is to develop a formal report that provides specific recommendations and an implementation plan to maximize the effectiveness of state programs and services in order to achieve a 50-percent reduction in the number of Californians living below the federal poverty level by 2020. Since no state funds would be expended to develop the report required by this bill, it is unclear why legislation is proposed. Establishing a task force to implement the provisions of this bill absent state funding could be achieved without statute.
- This bill would require Finance to make a determination that a sufficient level of private donations has been deposited with the state prior to establishing and convening the CESTF. Although the increased workload for Finance would likely be nominal and absorbable, since no state funds are

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authorized by this bill, the rationale for Finance's involvement is unclear. It would be more appropriate for members of the CESTF or another non-state entity to determine whether sufficient privately donated funds are available to fully fund the CESTF activities required by this bill.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
0530/Secty H&HS	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0001
0559/LabWorkDev	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0001
0100/Legislature	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0001
8860/Finance	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0001